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SIR:

In response to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers mailed on July 31, 2001, the two month shortened statutory period for responding to which expires on September 30, 2001, attached please find substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84. Please note that the originally submitted drawings have been reproduced using an appropriate size reduction to provide the required margins. No new matter has been introduced to the drawings.

It is respectfully submitted that in view of the substitute drawings, the application is in clear condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at 434-972-9567 to discuss any matter regarding this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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## Filing Date Granted

This application has been accorded an Application Number and Filing Date. The application, however, is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a)

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
  - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. (5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);

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